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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

**Salman Akram**

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FORMING METAL CONTACTS ON A  
SUBSTRATE**

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